

# Suggested Activities for DVAM\* 2017

\*Domestic Violence Action Month

## Get together

- Host a community meeting – practice having the conversations modeled in the newest [How's Your Relationship? Conversations with someone about their abusive behavior](#) cards. Give out the cards along with lots of encouragement and resources!
- Offer support for both parents and youth on the ins and outs of “dating”. You could host shared events with combined and separate spaces to discuss what it feels like to have a child start dating and how to set yourself up for healthy relationships. Use [Love Like This](#) materials to help guide your conversations.
- October is a great time to start a Teen Leadership Council (TLC). Learn how to create your own TLC with our [DIY TLC toolkit](#).

## Get down to business

- Encourage local businesses to partner with you for the month. They could make your resources available, donate a percentage of their proceeds, and pledge to talk with their children about healthy relationships in honor of DVAM. Get a great sign for them to display in their windows [here](#).

## Get social

- Post DVAM related [content](#) on your social media pages. Encourage conversations in your community about ending domestic violence.
- Each week in October, we'll be blogging on [canyourelate.org](#) about taking action. Repost our blog or post new content on your website about what steps you'll be taking to address root causes of violence, shift culture, build skills, or promote healthy relationships.
- Create an events calendar like [this one](#) and encourage your community to get out there and take action to prevent domestic violence!

## Get creative

- Create your own [Love Like This](#) cartoons with youth and adults. What are the issues in their relationships that they are working out? Dive into figuring out what the best way to react is along with the worst – and get drawing!
- Color in your new [Love Like This](#) coloring books and chat about love with those you love!

